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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 18, 2000, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

The Psalmist draws our minds and hearts to God:

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth. What is man that You are mindful of him and the son of man that You visit him? You have created him a little lower than the angels and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the work of Your hands.—Psalm 8.

Gracious God, ultimate Sovereign of this Nation and Lord of our lives, we are stunned again by Your majesty and the magnitude of the delegated dominion You have entrusted to us. We respond with awe and wonder and with renewed commitment to be servant leaders. In a culture that often denies Your sovereignty and worships at the throne of the perpendicular pronoun, help us to exemplify the greatness of servanthood. You have given us a life full of opportunities to serve, freed us from self-serving aggrandizement, and enabled us to live at full potential for Your glory. We humble ourselves before You and acknowledge that we could not breathe a breath, think a thought, make a sound decision, or press on to excellence without Your power. By Your appointment we are here doing the work You have given us to do, called to serve this great Nation. You alone are the one we seek to please. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Grant us grace and courage to

give ourselves away to You and to others with whom we are privileged to work in the great Senate family. In Your holy name, Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable TIM HUTCHINSON, a Senator from the State of Arkansas, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. GORTON). The Senator from Arkansas is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Today the Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4444, the China PNTR legislation. All amendments have been disposed of, and therefore the bill is open for general debate only. Those Senators who are interested in making statements as in morning business are also encouraged to come to the floor during today's session.

Mr. President, as previously announced, there will be no votes today or during Monday's session. The first vote of next week will be final passage of the PNTR legislation at 2:15 on Tuesday.

I ask unanimous consent Senator CRAIG be recognized for up to 30 min-

utes as in morning business at some point today and that on Monday at 2 p.m. the Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4444.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. I thank my colleagues for their attention.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 3046

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 3046) to amend title 11 of the United States Code, and for other purposes.

Mr. HUTCHINSON. Mr. President, I object to further proceedings on this bill at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill will be placed on the calendar.

TO AUTHORIZE EXTENSION OF NONDISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now

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